

Appln. No.: 09/496,516
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 15-24 are pending in the above identified application. Claims 15, 19 and 22 are allowed.

Claims 16-18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 were objected to because of informalities. These claims have been amended as suggested in the Office Action to correct these informalities. Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 23 has been amended to more clearly indicate that it is describing the clock synchronization circuit, that the data means is different from the data means in claim 22, that the count value is the second count value and that the threshold is the third threshold. Basis for this amendment may be found at page 18, line 1-27 and in Fig. 11. Please note that the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 18 was amended in the response dated July 9, 2003 to change "COUNT1" to -- COUNT2" to bring the description into conformance with Fig. 11. With these amendments, claim 23 is no longer subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 24 depends from claim 23 and is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for at least the same reasons.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the statement in the Office Action that claims 15, 19 and 22 are allowed, that claims 16-18 and 20-21 would be allowable if amended to overcome the claim objections and that claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 16-18 and 20-21 and the rejection of claims 23 and 24.

Respectfully submitted,



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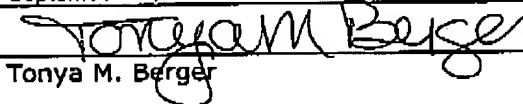
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